LUMPKIN COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2020-19

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING ADHERENCE TO THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION GUIDELINES RELATED TO COVID-19

WHEREAS, the severe acute respiratory syndrome Coronavirus 2, SARS-CoV-2, emerged during 2019 causing a novel coronavirus disease, COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has now become a worldwide pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 pandemic a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, the Governor of the State of Georgia declared that a public health state of emergency exists in the state of Georgia due to the public health emergency from the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, cases of COVID-19 have occurred in Lumpkin County; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has the potential to result in significant loss of life and has the potential to result in a major disruption of community affairs, business services, and governmental operations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interest of Lumpkin County citizens to encourage adherence to guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention related to COVID-19;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners, in a special called meeting on March 23, 2020, does hereby encourage all citizens and businesses in Lumpkin County to adhere to the directives of the President of the United States and the guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention related to COVID-19. These guidelines include social distancing and limiting interactions with others.

The Board of Commissioners further encourages, in consultation with the leadership of the Northeast Georgia Health System and other local medical officials, that citizens stay at home, if possible, and try to avoid contact with others for the next fourteen days. The Board encourages the community to work together to minimize the impact of the COVID-19 virus. This action is in the best interest of all Lumpkin County citizens and the healthcare providers that attend to the needs of Lumpkin County citizens.

This Resolution is hereby adopted this 23rd day of March, 2020, to become effective immediately upon execution by the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners, the public health, safety, and general welfare demanding it.

Chris Dockery, Chairman

Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Melissa Z. Witcher

Clerk, Lumpkin County